

## COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? PLAINVIEW HIGH SCHOOL JUNE 16

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

☐ Project Purpose and Need

☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)

☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☐ Historic and cultural sites

☒ Radio or television interference

☒ Noise

☒ Health and safety

☒ Other: MULTIPLE TRANSMISSION LINES ALONG 2 PORTIONS OF PROPERTY

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-186-001 -LAND VALUES: ONE OF PROPOSED ROUTES WOULD BE PLACED ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF PROPERTY AND ALSO A SECOND TRANSMISSION LINE ALONG THE NORTH SIDE BESIDES. HAVING TWO SETS OF TRANSMISSION LINES WOULD HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE VALUE OF MY PROPERTY. IF ~~WAS~~ THESE TWO ROUTES WOULD ALSO GO BETWEEN MY PROPERTY AND MY PARENTS FARM. I WILL ALSO OWN THIS PROPERTY IN THE FUTURE. SO MY PARENTS LAND VALUES WOULD BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY ~~THESE~~ THESE TRANSMISSION LINES.

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

### I-186-001

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to property values affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture      ☒ Residential      ☐ Conservation Easement  
☐ Commercial      ☐ Industrial      ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

MY FARM IS LOCATED IN SECTION 09 TWP-108 RANGE-013  
160 ACRES SW 1/4 SEC 9 108 13. I HAVE A 160 ACRE  
FARM AND MY PARENTS FARM OF 80 ACRES IS LOCATED  
ADJACENT ALONG THE NORTH. IF THE POWER COMPANY  
IS ALLOWED TO PLACE ~~BEHIND~~ TRANSMISSION LINES  
ALONG BOTH THE EAST AND NORTH SIDES OF MY FARM  
I WILL BE SURROUNDED BY BASEMENTS FOR ROADS ON  
THE WEST AND SOUTH AND FOR TRANSMISSION LINES  
ON THE NORTH AND EAST. MY PROPERTY WILL ALSO  
BE SEPARATED WITH A TRANSMISSION LINE FROM MY PARENTS.  
THIS IS TOO MUCH IMPACT ON ONE PERSONS PROPERTY.  
In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational,  
ect.) in the Project area and why?

I-186-003

ENVIRONMENT - I HIGHLY ENJOY AND ENGAGE IN  
HUNTING AND ~~FARM~~ FARMING. I HAVE DONE THIS  
ON BOTH ~~MY~~ MILE AND MY PARENTS PROPERTY  
ALONG WITH MY FAMILY. I WOULD HATE TO SEE  
THIS PROJECT AFFECT THIS ON MY PROPERTY.

AIR SAFETY - MY NEIGHBOR LOCATED WITHIN 1/2  
MILE OF THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSION HAS  
SMALL AIRPLANES AND ULTRA GLIDERS THAT I  
SEE FLYING OVER MY PROPERTY DURING THE  
YEAR

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I DO UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR THE PROJECT. I WISHED BEFORE THE POWER COMPANIES ~~WOULD~~ CHOOSE ~~THE~~ THE PREFERRED ROUTES I WISHED THEY WOULD CONTACT <sup>THE</sup> PROPERTY OWNERS ~~SPECIFICALLY~~ WHOSE LAND ~~THE~~ THE LINES ARE TO BE PLACED ON.

I-186-002

LOOKING AT ROUTES IT SEEMS MORE REASONABLE TO <sup>LOCATE</sup> ~~LOCATION~~ THE TRANSMISSION LINE RUNNING NORTH/SOUTH ALONG MY PROPERTY AND MOVE IT 1 1/2 MILES TO THE EAST ALONG ~~THE~~ COLUMSTED COUNTY RD 11 AND ~~EXTEND~~ IT TO THE NORTH TO CONNECT TO ONE OF THE ROUTES RUNNING EAST/WEST.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton- Rochester- La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-186-002

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

I-186-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural and recreational resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.